

the willingness of the Americans not to take the Japanese and Gumbay to the Caroline and Marshall Islands, has gone a long way toward taking the Japanese out of the picture as one of the realm of trouble-making possibilities. This is the more true because of the willingness of the Japanese to accept the terms of the proposed armistice acceptance by the other powers, and refusal to get out of Manchuria and Mongolia.

On the naval armament limitation side the only really vigorous fight being waged for the moment is that by the Japanese, who are eager to get the yardstick set up by Secretary of State Hughes. Their point now is that the battleship Mutsu, which Mr. Hughes said should be scrapped, apparently classing it with the older battleships, is still in existence though not entirely completed, was actually put in commission last month. On this they make two contentions. One is that the Mutsu should not be scrapped. The other is that it should be scrapped for several days, its importance as has been pointed out, lying in the fact that this would give the Japanese the right to build a new battleship for the Maryland—for the United States.

But it appears that the Japanese, in claiming that the Mutsu should be scrapped, have in mind the Hughes yardstick, the yardstick of the